

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her courtesy shown to Applicant's counsel in their telephone conversation of March 10, 2006, discussing the previous claims.

All outstanding rejections are moot, as claims 5-12 and 14-18 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 19-34 in order to better define the invention. The three new independent claims are claims 19, 33, and 34.

Claim 19 recites a "method of adhering a covering to an edge of a workpiece, comprising: providing a sliding shoe having a spring steel band; placing the covering between the spring steel band and the workpiece edge; pressing the covering onto the workpiece edge by slidably engaging the covering with the spring steel band along the longitudinal axis of the workpiece, wherein the spring steel band is attached to the sliding shoe only in the region that first engages the covering." This claim finds support throughout the specification and drawings. In particular, the specification shows that the terms narrow face and edge are synonymous in the art. *See* page 3, lines 18-20. Likewise, the specification states that the "spring-steel band 30 is fastened, preferably screwed, to the basic body 31 of the sliding shoe 7 only in the region of the entry zone 9." *See* page 10, lines 1-4.

Claim 33 recites a "method of adhering a covering to an edge of a workpiece, comprising: providing a sliding shoe having a spring steel band; placing the covering between the spring steel band and the workpiece edge; pressing the covering onto the workpiece edge by slidably engaging the covering with the spring steel band along the longitudinal axis of the workpiece." This claim finds support throughout the specification and drawings.

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Claim 34 recites a "method of adhering a covering to an edge of a workpiece, comprising: providing a roller; providing a sliding shoe having a spring steel band; placing the covering between the roller and the workpiece edge; engaging the covering with the roller along the longitudinal axis of the workpiece, such that the covering slidably engages the spring steel band; and pressing the covering onto the workpiece edge by slidably engaging the covering with the spring steel band along the longitudinal axis of the workpiece, wherein the spring steel band is attached to the sliding shoe only in the region that first engages the covering." This claim finds support throughout the specification and drawings. In particular, the specification states that the pressure element "is illustrated in FIG. 1 during the operating mode. A board element 2 with a straight narrow face 3 runs from left to right first past a pressure roller 1 and then past the sliding shoe 7." *See* page 9, lines 30-33.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the previously cited art reads on the foregoing claims.

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